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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : FOLLOW-ON HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR BAHRAIN  
DEFENSE FORCE OFFICERS

REFERENCE : MANAMA 0433

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL REQUEST FROM BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE FOR HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR TOTAL OF 36 BDF OFFICER-CADETS DURING NEXT THREE YEARS. BDF WISHES TO SEND 12 STUDENTS DURING LAST QUARTER OF 1976, 1977 AND 1978. STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS.

2. BASICALLY, WHAT BDF ENVISIONS IS THIS: FIRST, SELECTED STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO JORDAN TO RECEIVE 100 HOURS FIXED-WING TRAINING. BDF OFFICER HAS BEEN TO JORDAN TO COORDINATE THIS PHASE AND REPORTS GOJ APPROVAL. HE TELLS US THAT TRAINING IS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH BY BRITISH OFFICERS AND STUDENTS SHOULD GRADUATE WITH A REASONABLE ENGLISH LEVEL. PURPOSE OF THIS PHASE IS ALSO TO "WEED OUT" THOSE WHO DEMONSTRATE INABILITY TO LEARN TO FLY. AFTER FIRST PHASE, STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO BAHRAIN FOR EVALUATION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING. IF ACCEPTED, STUDENTS WILL ATTEND DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AND 36-WEEK ROTARY WING AVIATION COURSE; THEY WILL HAVE RANK OF  
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CADET THROUGHOUT TRAINING. TIMING FOR EACH YEAR WOULD BE:

JAN-AUG - FIXED WING TRAINING IN JORDAN; SEPT-NOV - LANGUAGE TRAINING AT DLI; DEC-AUG OF FOLLOWING YEAR - 36 WEEK ROTARY WING AVIATION COURSE. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING SUCH AS GUNNERY, INSTRUCTOR OR SEARCH AND RESCUE.

3. COMMENT: ALL REPORTS INDICATE THAT GOB HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO HAVE SOME SORT OF HELICOPTER CAPABILITY, ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF NUMBER, TYPE, ARMAMENT, ETC. ARE STILL TO BE WORKED OUT. EVEN THOUGH TOTAL NUMBER OF PILOTS INVOLVED SEEMS HIGHER THAN WHAT WE WOULD ENVISION FOR BDF, REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THUS HAS FORMAL GOB APPROVAL. THEREFORE, IF POSITIONS LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO TRAIN AT LEAST FIRST TWO GROUPS, LEAVING DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT LATER.  
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